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Coal stocks and consumption of coal for operational use (in metric 8. tons):

| William array and a | Date in<br>January | Hard Coal | Raw Brown<br>Coal | Brown Coal<br>Briquettes | Coke   | Brown Coal<br>Dust |
|---------------------|--------------------|-----------|-------------------|--------------------------|--------|--------------------|
| Total               | 7                  | 51,255    | 18,028            | 94,214                   | 1,767  | 1,166              |
| Stock               | 8                  | 50,415    | 17,842            | 93,005                   | 1,773  | 1,040              |
|                     | 9                  | 49,318    | 18,154            | 91,857                   | 1,81). | 854                |
|                     | 10 )               | 47,448    | 17,877            | 87,163                   | 1,802  | 840                |
| ,                   | 11 )               |           |                   |                          |        | -                  |
|                     | 12                 | 46,126    | 18,162            | 90,545                   | 1,786  | 702                |
|                     | 13                 | 45,120    | 18,533            | 89,746                   | 1,767  | <b>7</b> 39        |
| Daily               | 7                  | 1,648     | 1,810             | 22,662                   | 29     | 325                |
| Consump-            |                    | (1,555)   | (105)             | (20,861)                 | (-)    | (325)              |
| tion                | 8                  | 1,755     | 1,776             | 21,890                   | 31     | <b>36</b> 8        |
|                     |                    | (1,622)   | (92)              | (19,977)                 | (-)    | (368)              |
|                     | 9                  | 1,820     | 1,706             | 22,217                   | 21,    | 435                |
|                     |                    | (1,688)   | (114)             | (19,899)                 | (-)    | (435)              |
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|      |           | -2-        |          |             |                |
| 10 } | 3,072     | 2,423      | 42,148   | 19          | 709            |
| 11 ) | (2,949)   | (306)      | (39,940) | (-)         | (709)          |
| 12   | 1,620     | 1,610      | 21,295   | 50          | 342            |
|      | (1,517)   | (160)      | (19,587) | (-)         | (342)          |
| 13   | 1,603     | 1,665      | 21,855   | 31          | 308            |
|      | (1,508    | (115)      | (19,533) | (-)         | (308)          |

Note. The figures in parentheses refer to the coal consumed by locomotives.

## b. Backlog of loaded cars:

| Date in<br>January | U.S.S.R.<br>Poland | and Baltic Sea<br>Ports | Interzonal<br>Traffic | Ferry Traffic<br>to Sweden | Total |
|--------------------|--------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------|
| 7                  | 559                | 274                     | 718                   | 85                         | 1,636 |
| 8                  | 378                | 74                      | 456                   | 62                         | 970   |
| 9                  | 301                | 71                      | 969                   | 68                         | 1,409 |
| 10                 | 313                | 52                      | 1,382                 | 19                         | 1,766 |
| 11                 | 106                | 61                      | 317                   | 93                         | 577   |
| 12                 | 104                | 61                      | 228                   | 44                         | 437   |
| 13                 | 160                | 41                      | 83                    | 74                         | 358   |

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| de rark of operational car | d. | Park | of | operational | cars |
|----------------------------|----|------|----|-------------|------|
|----------------------------|----|------|----|-------------|------|

| 7  | January | 9,877 cars |   | 7  | January | 9 <b>7,3</b> 86 | cers |
|----|---------|------------|---|----|---------|-----------------|------|
| 8  | " -     | 9,606 "    |   | 8  | 11      | 97,796          | , 11 |
| 9  | ti .    | 9,786 "    |   | 9  | 11      | 98,545          | 'n   |
| 10 | te      | 9,566 "    |   | 10 | 11      | 97,765          | u .  |
| 11 | 11      | 9,566 "    |   | 11 | Ħ       | 95,386          | Ħ    |
| 12 | 11      | 10,073 "   |   | 12 | - 81    | 94,779          | 11   |
| 13 | 91      | 10,811 "   | • | 13 | 19      | 93,722          | 77   |

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The following daily coal consumption quotas for locomotives were fixed on 3 January 1953:

| Railroad District | Amount of Coal (in tons) |
|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Berlin            | 3,300                    |
| Greifswald        | 1,150                    |
| Schwerin          | 1,400                    |
| Magdeburg         | 2,850                    |
| Hal.le            | 4,450                    |
| Erfurt            | 3,600                    |
| Dresden           | 3,750                    |
| Cottbus           | 1,700                    |
| Total             | 22,200 tons <sup>2</sup> |

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On 16 January 1953, the East German council of ministers decided to make available to the East German railroads 38,600 tons of hard coal from the state coal reserve, in order to prevent a further drop in railroad coal reserves in this month.

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Comment. As compared with the last reported status of 6 January 1953, coal stocks again decreased by about 10,500 tons, including 7,000 tons of hard coal, to a new total of 155,905 tons. Hard coal represented only 28.9 percent of total coal stocks. According to the present daily coal consumption quota of 24,140 tons, coal stocks available were adequate for 6.5 days' requirements, an amount far below actual winter requirements. The backlog of undispatched cars decreased to a normal level . The number of damaged cars increased by 150 cars after 2 Jene Mary. The park of operational cars decreased by 4,000 cars and did not

reach the prescribed target of 100,000 units throughout the reported period.

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Comment. As compared with December 1952, the daily coal consumption quota for locomotives was raised by 600 tons. If it is assumed that the daily consumption quota for coal used by railroad maintenance and repair shops remained 1,940 tons, the January 1953 total daily coal consumption. quota is 24,140 tons.

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Comment. This measure was taken in view of the heavy decrease of hard coal stocks, which should amount to 50 percent of total coal stocks. See paragraph 1 of the present report. As the amount mentioned represents only 1.5 days requirements it will not materially improve the critical coal situation.

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